## REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 20, and 31 have been canceled. Claims 15-19, and 24-30, and amended claims 12-14, 21-23, and 32 are in this application.

Claims 15-19 and 24-30 were allowable.

specification was objected to as failing to The provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. In explaining this objection, the Examiner stated that there "is no mention of the 'medium' (see claim 32) in the specification."

Claim 32 has been amended herein so as to change "medium" to "storage memory for use with a computer apparatus." As a result, it is respectfully requested that the above objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In explaining this rejection, the Examiner stated that the "context the medium was used in the claim would fairly suggest to one of ordinary skill signals or other forms of propagation and transmission media, typewritten or handwritten text on paper, or other items failing to be an appropriate manufacture under 35 USC 101 . . . . "

As previously indicated, claim 32 has been amended herein so as to change "medium" to "storage memory for use with a computer apparatus." As a result, it is respectfully requested that the above 101 rejection of claim 32 be withdrawn.

Claims 12-13 and 21-22 were objected to because of an informality.

Claims 12-13 and 21-22 have been amended herein. Ιt is respectfully requested that the above objection to these Application No.: 10/720,007 Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-1225 RE

claims be withdrawn.

Claims 14 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 14 and 23 have been amended herein. It is respectfully requested that the above 112 rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

Claims 12-13 and 21-22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 12-13 depend from independent claim 29 and claims 21-22 depend from independent claim 30. Independent claims 29 and 30 were indicated to be allowable. In any event, claims 12-13 and 21-22 as presented herein are believed to overcome the above-mentioned objections. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claims 12-13 and 21-22 are allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge

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